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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, last paragraph, please amend as follows:

In the appended drawings, a recirculation and sprinkling de-vice according to the invention is generally indicated 2; the device comprises a tank 4 (auxiliary tank) which is typically made of stainless steel and the cross-sectional dimensions of which are such that it can be fitted in a hatch or similar top opening 6 of a main fermentation tank, indicated 8.

Page 4, second paragraph, please amend as follows:

The tank 4 has a base 10 with an opening 12 (<u>first discharge means</u>) with which valve means are associated; the valve means comprise a closure member 14, typically in the form of a plate, and an operating rod 16. The rod 16 is actuated by an actuator 19, which is preferably electrically operated.

Lines 23-31 to top of page 5, lines 1-3, please amend as follows:

According to another characteristic of the invention, the device 2 comprises second discharge means for the wine must contained in the auxiliary tank 4; the second discharge means are associated with the valve means hereinbefore de-scribed and, in particular, with the closure member 14. The second discharge means comprise an opening 18 (second discharge means) in the plate-like closure member 14, communicating with a tubular over-flow duct 20 which, in the embodiment illustrated, surrounds the rod 16. When the wine must inside the tank 4 reaches the

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level of the mouth 22 at the top of the tubular duct 20, the wine must flows through the duct 20 and is discharged into the tank 8 in a <u>second sprinkling</u> stream through the opening 18.